

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2116-MC-FFS

DATE: March 19, 2020

TO: Iowa Medicaid Pharmacy Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Pharmacist Administered Vaccines

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2020

Effective July 1, 2020, Medicaid enrolled pharmacists may order and administer all pharmacy administered vaccines, in compliance with the Iowa Board of Pharmacy [Immunizations Statewide Protocol](#)¹.

General Information:

- Vaccine administration is billed on the Federal form CMS-1500, Health Insurance claim Form. Billing instructions can be found on [the DHS website](#)².
- Vaccine drug orders must be kept on file at the pharmacy. The ordering provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI) is required on the claim for the claim to be paid.
- Medicaid covers vaccines as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) including the frequency.
- Pharmacies will only be able to bill for Medicaid non-dual eligible enrollees. Dual eligible enrollees will continue to access immunization services through Medicare.
- Prior to ordering and administration of a vaccine, the pharmacist must verify Medicaid coverage, and review the statewide immunization registry (IRIS).
- Refer to the [Physician Services Provider Manual](#)³ for immunization instructions.

¹ <https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/misc/statewide-protocols>

² <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/claims-and-billing>

³ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Phys.pdf?022420201514>

- Within thirty (30) calendar days following administration of any vaccine, the pharmacist shall report such administration to the patient's primary health care provider, primary physician, and IRIS.

Enrollment:

- Pharmacy
 - Pharmacies submitting vaccine claims must be Medicaid enrolled.
 - Pharmacies providing vaccine services to children age 18 and under must enroll in the [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Program](#)⁴ through the Iowa Department of Public Health.
- Pharmacist
 - A pharmacist who orders and administers the vaccine must be [Medicaid enrolled](#)⁵.

Billing Instructions:

- Billing of immunizations involves two separate items, the vaccine code itself and the code for the service of vaccine administration.
- For reimbursement to process, correctly it is important to list all the vaccine codes on claim lines before the administration codes.
- Both the vaccine and vaccine administration codes must be billed on the same claim form.
- Vaccines provided to adults:
 - Reimbursement will be for both the vaccine and the administration of the vaccine.
- Vaccines provided to children under VFC:
 - The vaccine code must be billed at zero dollars.
 - Reimbursement will be only for the administration of the vaccine under the VFC program.
 - Reference [information letter 1185](#)⁶ regarding VFC administration

⁴ <https://idph.iowa.gov/immmtb/immunization/vfc>

⁵ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/2105-MC-FFS_New_Provider_Types_for_Pharmacists_Clarification.pdf

⁶ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1185%20Vaccine%20for%20Children%20Program%20Administration%20Code%20Changes%20.pdf>

Billing Codes:

Administration Codes: The following codes in the table below should be used for the actual administration of the vaccines by a pharmacist.

Procedure Code	Procedure Description
90471	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); one vaccine (single or combination vaccine or toxoid)
90472	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine or toxoid) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
90473	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; one vaccine (single or combination vaccine or toxoid)
90474	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine or toxoid) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
90460	Immunization administration through 18 years of age by any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first or only component of each vaccine or toxoid administered
90461	Immunization administration through 18 years of age by any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; each additional vaccine or toxoid component administered (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Vaccine Codes: The following procedure codes in the table below should be billed for select influenza for ages 2 and over, pneumococcal and meningococcal vaccines for age 18 and over: and zoster for age 50 and over. For a complete list of covered vaccine and administration, codes see the [Physician Fee Schedule](#)⁷.

Procedure Code	Procedure Description
90620	Meningococcal recombinant protein and outer membrane vesicle vaccine, Serogroup B, 2 dose schedule, for intramuscular use
90621	Meningococcal recombinant lipoprotein vaccine, Serogroup B, 2 or 3 dose schedule, for intramuscular use
90653	Influenza virus vaccine (IIV), preservative free, for use in individuals 65 years of age and above, for intramuscular use
90656	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use
90658	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use
90661	Influenza virus vaccine, derived from cell cultures, subunit, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use
90662	Influenza virus vaccine (IIV), split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use
90670	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 13-valent, for intramuscular use
90672	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, live, for intranasal use in individuals 2 years of age

⁷ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/csrp/fee-schedule>

Procedure Code	Procedure Description
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90673	Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent, derived from recombinant DNA, preservative free, for intramuscular use for 18 years of age and older
90674	Influenza virus vaccine; quadrivalent, derived from cell cultures, subunit, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use
90682	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, (RIV4), derived from recombinant DNA, preservative and antibiotic free for intramuscular use
90686	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use
90688	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, with preservative, for intramuscular use
90714	Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) adsorbed, preservative free, for use in individuals seven years or older, for intramuscular use
90715	Tetanus, diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap), for use in individuals 7 years or older, for intramuscular use
90732	Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, for use in individuals 2 years of age or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use
90733	Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (any group(s)), for subcutaneous use, age 2 years of age and older
90734	Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, Serogroups A,C,Y and W-135 (trivalent), for intramuscular use, age 11 through 55
90736	Zoster (shingles) Vaccine, live, for subcutaneous injection, age 50 and older
90750	Zoster (shingles) Vaccine, age 50 and older for intramuscular use
90756	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, antibiotic free, for intramuscular use

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa Medicaid Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, Monday – Friday, from 7: 30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.